

RESOLUTION 2004-09

A RESOLUTION TO WORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH EARLY ACTION COMPACT COUNTIES TO IMPLEMENT MEASURES WHICH REDUCE AIR POLLUTANT LEVELS

WHEREAS, air pollution is nationally a cause for concern and because Jefferson County is committed to improving the quality of life for its citizens.

WHEREAS, Jefferson County is a member of the Knoxville Early Action compact, seven east Tennessee counties working together to improve air quality in the east State area.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Air Pollution Control Board represents local government at a state and national level on critical air quality issues, Jefferson County supports the efforts of the Board to improve air quality

WE DO RESOLVE TO:

- Work in partnership with Early Action Compact counties of Anderson, Blount, Jefferson, Knox, Loudon, Sevier and Union to implement measures, which reduce directly and indirectly, air pollutant levels.

In areas regulated by the State of Tennessee, we do resolve to:

- Support a statewide vehicle inspection program.
- Encourage the State Air Board to consider the emission testing of commercial vehicles.
- Support statewide State 1 vapor controls at gas stations.
- Support statewide Anti-idling Legislation
- Support the statewide enforcement of vehicle tampering. Vehicles are considered to be tampered with if the emission control devices (catalytic converters) have been altered or removed.
- Highly support the reduction of speed limits to 55mph for trucks on the interstate system.
- Support the Reasonably Achievable Control Technology (RACT) rules for NOx should the State Air Pollution Control Board adopt them. The rules would require the installation of low NOx combustion controls such as low NOx burners and fuel additives at facilities emitting 50 tons per year or more of NOx.


In voluntary program areas, we do resolve that:

- Jefferson County will support Truck Stop Electrification. Knox County currently supports this program through the issuance of CMAQ (congestion mitigation air quality) funding to Idle-Aire Technologies. This system gives professional long-haul truck drivers an alternative to the traditional practice of idling their engines to provide heating and cooling in the truck cab, and to power various appliances and accessories in the cab during mandated rest periods.


- Jefferson County will participate in the Air Quality Outreach and Action Day Program currently being developed by the Regional Clean Air Coalition, an organization of 11 counties in East Tennessee actively working to bring cleaner air to the East Tennessee area. This program centers on public education about the sources, causes and solutions to air pollution.
- Jefferson County will commit to traffic signal synchronization as a means to reduce emissions on urban arterial corridors.
- Jefferson County will commit to participating in the Smart Trips program or developing an alternative trip reduction program.
- Jefferson County will commit to an anti-idling policy for county vehicles.

Adopted this 18th day of March, 2004.

APPROVED:


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ATTEST:


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